

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2778

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MEETING BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL ON UTILISATION OF WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dispute on sharing of rivers water between India and Nepal has been resolved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of India and Nepal have recently held discussions with regard to cooperation in water resources and sharing of rivers water originating from Nepal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government of Nepal are considering to lease land to India for construction of barrage on these rivers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Several rivers from Nepal enter India and bilateral agreements / treaty have been entered to between the two countries to resolve the issue and pursue schemes jointly in order to develop water resources of these rivers. Following treaty/agreements have been signed between His Majesty's Government of Nepal and Government of India in the area of Water Resources:

- i) Agreement on Sarda Barrage and Banbasa dated 23.8.1920
- ii) Agreement on Gandak Project dated 4.12.1959 and revised agreement dated 30.4.1964.
- iii) Revised agreement on Kosi dated 19.12.1966.
- iv) Mahakali Treaty concerning integrated development of the Mahakali river including Sarda Barrage, Tanakpur Barrage and Pancheshwar Project signed on 12.2.1996.

(c) &(d) Discussions with Nepal are held as a follow up action of the above treaty / agreements. The India–Nepal Joint Committee on Water Resources headed by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India and Secretary, Water Resources HMG/Nepal held its 2nd meeting on 7-8th October 2004 in which bilateral issues on water resources were discussed. It was inter alia agreed that the feasibility study of the Kamla and preliminary study of the kamla and preliminary study of Bagmati Multipurpose Projects would also be carried out by the Joint Project Office of Sapta Kosi – Sun Koshi Projects to ascertain the likely constraints in implementation of these projects so that these could be appropriately addressed.

(e)&(f) There is no such proposal.